IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SOLUS et al.

Appl. No. To be assigned 09891.332 (Divisional of 09/019,160; Filed: February 6, 1998)

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Polymerases for Analyzing or For:

Typing Polymorphic Nucleic Acid

Fragments and Uses Thereof

Art Unit: To be assigned 1637

Examiner: To be assigned J. Tung

Atty. Docket: 0942.4250003/RWE/BJD

Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the Specification:

Please substitute the following paragraphs/sections for the pending paragraphs/sections.

Substitute the first full paragraph on page 1 (the Cross Reference section appearing at lines 4-9) with the following paragraph: